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COUNTRY Bulgaria

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TOPIC Military Information from Bulgaria

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DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. On 16 July 1950 five canvas-covered AA guns were emplaced in the area east of the barracks installation bounded by Uzar Asen II, Kasarmena and Zarigrdsko Schose street in Sofia. The emplacement had been constructed by about 50 Bulgarian soldiers on the afternoon of 15 July 1950. The soldiers leveled the debris in the area. Travelers said that, on 16 July 1950, they observed numerous AA gun emplacements along the line from Kurilo (B 1/L 37) to the outskirts of Sofia.
2. An employee of the state-owned Detscho Stenfanov printing shop at 1 Angel Koentshev Street, Sofia, said, in late June 1950, that valuable machinery of the shop had been crated for shipment to an unidentified location.
3. In late July 1950 it was learned that the building of the Bulgarian War Ministry in Sofia was less strictly guarded than previously. It was rumored that the War Ministry had been moved. *
4. A Soviet general wearing a white uniform and two Bulgarian officers, including a general, got into a Bulgarian military motor vehicle at 7 Masaryk Street, corner of Oborischte Street, Sofia, on the afternoon of 20 July 1950.
5. Residents of the villages of Gyschevo (Y 49/D 62) and Glavanovci (Y 39/P 77) were evacuated in June and July 1950, [REDACTED] 25X1X
25X1X [REDACTED] The purpose and scope of this measure could not be learned. A large number of apartments in Kyustendil (Y 49/D 72) had also been cleared of civilian tenants.
6. Soviet motorized troops moved through Botevgrad Orchanie, B 1/L 78, and proceeded toward Saranzi (B 1/L 76) in the first half of July 1950, according to a local resident of Botevgrad. The movements were observed only at night. During the day the Soviet troops bivouacked in woods. A convoy of about 100 trucks carrying Soviet troops was observed on the night of 6 July 1950. The Soviet soldiers were recognized by their language, their numerous decorations and their uniforms. No Soviet troops movements had been observed in the Botevgrad area prior to that time.

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7. On 11 July 1950 a former Bulgarian officer in Sofia said that Soviet tanks with Soviet crews drove along the outskirts of Shumen (B 5/J 31) in early July 1950. **

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* ~~Comment.~~ This rumor was circulated in Turkey and appeared in the German press. In early August 1950 it was reported that the Bulgarian Army High Command had moved from Sofia to Pleven.

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** ~~Comment.~~ Information on the presence or arrival in Bulgaria of Soviet combat troops cannot be judged. All previous reports on this have not been substantiated.

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